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2013 CLICK IT OR TICKET **Middletown Police Department**

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Click It or Ticket to Boost Seat Belt Use – Day and Night
Middletown, CT 2013 High-Visibility Enforcement Campaign Begins
May 20, 2013 -June 2, 2013

Middletown, CT- As motorists take to the roads this Memorial Day holiday, **Middletown Police** are urging everyone to buckle up. Beginning **May 20, 2013** law enforcement officials will be out in full force, taking part in the 2013 national *Click It or Ticket* seat belt enforcement mobilization and cracking down on motorists who are not belted.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), **52** percent of the **21,253** passenger vehicle occupants killed in 2011 were not wearing their seat belts at the time of the crash. As noted, deaths involving seat belt nonuse are more prevalent at night than during the daytime. According to NHTSA, **62** percent of the **10,135** passenger vehicle occupants killed in 2011 during the overnight hours of 6 p.m. to 5:59 a.m. were not wearing their seat belts at the time of the crash.

In 2011, seat belts saved an estimated **11,949** lives nationwide according to NHTSA. While this year's *Click It or Ticket* enforcement mobilization runs from May 20 through June 2, officers are out enforcing seat belt laws year-round.

For more on the national *Click It or Ticket* mobilization, please visit www.nhtsa.gov.

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